

BRIEFLY TOLD

Although ninety-six per cent of the twenty-two thousand inhabitants of the Aaland Islands speak Swedish, they have formed part of Finland for more than a century.

National, provincial and municipal authorities in Austria may requisition land not in use for public playground purposes. Such land is in charge of organizations interested in the promotion of outdoor recreation, the owner of the property receiving suitable compensation for its use.

Not more than ten per cent of the Franco-American marriages contracted during the war have been successful.

A group of Chinese girls, daughters of wealthy families in China, are now students at "finishing" schools in Paris.

During his thirty years' pastorate at a Cincinnati church, a minister kept eight colonies of bees in the church tower. It is said they would range fifteen miles for honey.

Belleau, the little French village on the edge of the Belleau Wood foothills, is to be rebuilt by Americans as a memorial to the American dead in that historic battle.

The Red Cross has developed a disaster census card to be used by relief workers in cases of disaster. "Disaster kits" are now provided all Red Cross division offices and contain all sorts of supplies, record forms, badges, telegraph blanks and other essentials which may be needed in an emergency, for setting up relief headquarters with least possible delay.

A royal decree has been issued in Belgium for the calling of an international congress for the protection of children. The question of establishing an international office for child protection is to be discussed.

The Osage Indians are one of the richest peoples in the world per capita. Recent sales at auction of thirty thousand acres of Indian reservation oil lands near Tulsa for four and one half million dollars plus a bonus of one-sixth of the oil produced was recently approved by the Interior Department.

Since the signing of the armistice a half million women have come into this country.

Chinese railways have free boiling water at each important station. A boiler under a queer-looking circular roof furnishes the water for the making of tea.

Gold is being panned daily near the heart of the north residential district of Los Angeles. The chief engineer for a rock and gravel company operating in the Arroyo Seco, has installed crude sluice boxes and each day "pans" out about \$20 worth of gold. The engineer discovered the pay streak when he first entered the employ of the company several months ago and has been panning it since then.

Seven companies control seventy per cent of the total output of anthracite coal in the United States. The remaining thirty per cent comes from mines operated by less than one hundred companies and individuals.

As a tribute to American soldiers who fell in the Great War, a large wreath was officially placed in the American Cemetery at Winchester, England, on Memorial Day.

The cost of producing a ton of hard coal is from two and a half to three times as great as for mining a ton of bituminous coal because the beds are deeper, thinner and generally inclined at steeper angles than those of the soft coal.

A golfer, playing on the Lancaster Country Club course at Lancaster, Ohio, killed a black-snake while striking at the ball just as the snake raised its head from where it lay concealed in the grass.

An army of grasshoppers is advancing on El Paso County, Colorado, from the southwest, destroying virtually all vegetation in its course. The county farm agent says the onslaught of grasshoppers is the largest in the history of that section.

Germany now has four air routes out of Berlin. The longest of these are the Berlin-Dortmund and the Berlin-Koenigsberg routes, each about three hundred miles in length. Other lines are Berlin-Bremen and Berlin-Dresden lines.

Prince William, son of the king of Sweden, has trapped, single-handed, twenty-four gorillas, fourteen lions and many other animals which he is taking to the Stockholm museum.

Where the new Pacific Highway crosses the Canadian border at Blaine, Washington, a gateway is being erected to commemorate one hundred years without fortifications or armies along the 3,000 miles of international boundary. Inscribed over the doorways are the legends, "Open for 100 Years" and "May These Doors Never Be Closed."

A wealthy Chicago man, the owner of a chain of restaurants which bear his name, has offered one thousand dollars to anyone who will give him one good reason for the private manufacture of revolvers in America and for the use of the United States mails by the manufacturers.

Pickpockets in Chicago are protected by a highly organized trust, who hire criminal lawyers by the year to protect them, according to charges made by the chief of detectives. He states stringent laws in the East are driving the crooks to Chicago, and that it is almost impossible to secure conviction of a pickpocket because of the testimony of their lawyers and their "witnesses" and their ability to obtain bonds at once and escape being identified by their victims.

Two-thirds of the world's gold supply is concentrated in the United States and more is coming in.

It is said that a branch of the I. W. W., with office files and records complete, was organized in the Northumberland, Pennsylvania, county prison. The organizer was sentenced to seven additional months in the prison for his work in connection with the affair.

One unusual effect of the heat in New Jersey recently was the ignition by the sun of guncotton in an arsenal at New Brunswick. A magazine containing three hundred cases of black powder exploded, but no one was injured.

A curious insect of the Malay Peninsula was recently discovered by a member of the London Zoological Society. It is called the lantern-fly and is remarkable for its sudden leaps, made by a curious projection on the front of its head, a kind of creased nose which, when bent back under the abdomen and suddenly released sends the insect flying.

The juices of clover and alfalfa are aiding to destroy the tuberculosis germ, according to the American Institute of Homeopathy. Use of the grass juices has aided in fights against the disease in the treatment of former service men at the Alpine sanatorium. The treatment calls for well-selected food, the utilization of rays, energies and vibrations, and for surroundings of a cheerful nature.

The United States still has fifteen thousand soldiers in Europe, chiefly on the Rhine.

The supreme court of New York has decided that a suit by a young man to recover a ring given during courtship should not be dismissed because of a claim in behalf of the defendant that she was not of age and could not be sued. The court ruled that infancy could not be pleaded as a shield to prevent the return of another's property.

A junior student in Montana State College is the first woman ever to be named as ranger in Yellowstone National Park. It is said she knows every hill and valley and point of interest in the big reserve. She has spent every summer of her life in the park.

Erie Railroad engine drivers, who have achieved a certain standard in the care and handling of their engines, are elected to the Order of the Red Spot and a red spot is placed on the locomotive of the driver. A second degree of the order provides for the substitution of the engineer's name in gold letters for the number plate on his cab.

Twelve homing pigeons were recently released at Edmonton, Alberta, on an eighteen hundred mile flight to San Antonio. This is believed to be one of the longest flights of its kind ever attempted.

Airplanes in their flight to the oil fields of Fort Norman so frightened the Indians that it was with difficulty they could be prevented from shooting at the "devil birds." At one settlement the entire populace took to the woods.

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